

Information for Travelers and Residents**Warden Message U.S. Embassy Belmopan, Belize****May 17, 2011****SECURITY IN PETÉN REGION OF NORTHERN GUATEMALA**

The U.S. Embassy in Belmopan, Belize, strongly recommends against travel to the Petén region of northern Guatemala by U.S. citizens traveling and residing in Belize. The U.S. Embassy in Guatemala City, Guatemala, recently published a warden message on the increased level of violence in areas of the Petén, characterized by murders on a ranch in the municipality of La Libertad and shootings and bombings in Flores and Santa Elena. U.S. Embassy Belmopan official personnel are prohibited from travel to the Petén region of Guatemala for the next 30 days, and the Embassy strongly recommends that U.S. citizens in Belize also forego travel to that area, including tourist destination Tikal, Guatemala.

Travel information is also available at www.travel.state.gov. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or, for callers outside the United States and Canada, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444.

For the latest security information, Americans living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs Internet web site at <http://travel.state.gov>, where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Alerts, Travel Warnings, and health information resources can be found. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll free in the U.S. and Canada or, for inquirers in other areas, by calling a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00am to 8:00pm Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). Follow us on Twitter and the Bureau of Consular Affairs' page on Facebook as well.

Americans living in or traveling to Belize are encouraged to register with the U.S. Embassy through the State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (SMART) at <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/>.

The U.S. Embassy is located at #4 Floral Park Road, Belmopan City, Belize; Tel: 501-822-4011 8:00am to 5:00pm—or for emergencies after hours, weekends, and holidays at 501-610-5030, Fax: 501-822-4050; E-mail: ACSBelize@state.gov; Website: <https://Belize.usembassy.state.gov>